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1. DOD DEPUTY SECRETARY DUNCAN. UNDER HEADING "US MAY HELP KOREA MAKE TANKS", MORNING PRESS CARRIES AP STORY QUOTING DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE DUNCAN: "WE ARE LOOKING INTO" SOUTH KOREA'S REQUEST FOR HELP IN EXPANDING ITS ARMS INDUSTRY, INCLUDING POSSIBLE PRODUCTION OF A NEW KOREAN TANK". STORY SAYS DUNCAN "TOUCHED ON POSSIBLE PRODUCTION OF MILITARY RADIO EQUIPMENT AND WHAT HE CALLED 'AN INDIGENOUS TANK'", ADDING "'WE HAVE ONLY AN INDIRECT ROLE' IN SUCH TANK PROJECTS, AND THAT THE KOREANS WERE INTERESTED PRINCIPALLY IN OBTAINING AMERICAN TECHNICAL EXPERTISE." ACTION: PLEASE CABLE VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT OF DUNCAN'S REMARKS.

2. FRAMSER CMTE. ALL PRESS CARRY STORY THAT FBI DIRECTOR HOOVER IN 11/24/71 MEMO SAID PTS PAID PORTION OF RICE  
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COMMISSIONS TO A CONGRESSMAN. CHOSUN ILBO ALONE CARRIES UPI WORDING THAT PTS LOBBYING WAS UNDER DIRECTION OF ROKCIA; ALL OTHER PAPERS SAY MEMO CLAIMED PTS WAS UNDER ORDERS OF "A ROKG INTELLIGENCE AGENCY". NO REPEAT NO PRESS CARRIED INFORMATION THAT MEMO LINKED BLUE HOUSE WITH CONTRIBUTIONS TO DEMOCRATIC PARTY (USIS WIRELESS 3/21). IN SAME ARTICLES, PRESS REPORTS ON MITCHELL'S

TESTIMONY THAT 9/30/71 FBI MEMO SAID "TWO CONGRESSIONAL ASSISTANTS WERE CONNECTED WITH ROKG INTELLIGENCE AGENCY", AND ON MITCHELL'S INQUIRY TO SPEAKER ABLERT ABOUT SUZI PARK THOMPSON.

3. SOLARZ. ALL VERNACULAR PRESS FRONTPAGE SOLARZ' TESTIMONY TO HOUSE EA AND PACIFIC SUB-CMTE URGING CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF COMPENSATORY MEASURES. NO REPEAT NO PAPERS CARRY HIS STATEMENT URGING ROK TO CONTRIBUTE ITS OWN FUNDS TO THE PROGRAM (WIRELESS 3/21). LARGEST TREATMENT (SEOUL SINMUN) REPORTS SOLARZ NOTED ROK DISSIDENTS WERE OPPOSED TO TROOP WITHDRAWAL AND FEARED NORTH KOREA AND KIM IL-SUNG, AND CLAIMS SOLARZ SAID "IN ACCORD WITH US HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY, US MUST CONTINUE TO PROVIDE NECESSARY MILITARY AID TO KOREA".

4. BRZEZINSKI. ALL VERNACULAR PRESS CARRY NY TIMES PIECE IN WHICH NSC ADVISER NOTED HIS SHORTCOMINGS IN FIRST YEAR OF CARTER ADMINISTRATION. SUBHEADLINES QUOTE, "I DID NOT TREAT SERIOUSLY ENOUGH TROOP WITHDRAWAL ISSUE".

5. ENGLISH LANGUAGE KOREA HERALD CARRIES ON PAGE TWO AP STORY ON INDICTMENT OF ITT OFFICIALS FOR PERJURY. IN SENATE TESTIMONY. VERNACULAR PRESS DID NOT CARRY STORY.

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6. ALL PRESS FRONTPAGE UPI EXCERPTS FROM NHK THAT HUA KUO FENG SCHEDULED TO VISIT P'YONGYANG IN APRIL. KYONGHYANG SINMUN COMMENTARY SAYS PRC AIM IS TO TAKE INITIATIVE IN COMPETITION WITH USSR FOR INFLUENCE IN NORTH KOREA.  
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